Message from Governor Linda Lingle
and
Lt. Governor James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
on the occasion of

GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER

MARCH 21 & 23, 2008

We send greetings of aloha to all Hawai'i's residents and visitors observing Good Friday on March 21 and Easter on March 23. This is a time of reflection and contemplation, followed by celebration and renewal, which is valuable to people of all backgrounds and beliefs.

For Christians, Good Friday is the most solemn holy day of the year, marking the day when Jesus Christ suffered and died to absolve the sins of humanity more than 2,000 years ago. This is a day to think about how we treat others and remember to make sacrifices for loved ones and those less fortunate.

Easter celebrates the miraculous resurrection of Jesus three days after his death on the cross, and Christians observe this holy day with feelings of profound joy. Easter is an opportunity for the people of Hawai'i to rejoice in the abundant blessings we have in our lives and look to the future with tremendous hope and optimism.

May you enjoy these special days and your cherished Easter traditions with your family and friends. Please join us in keeping those who are unable to be here in Hawai'i with us, especially the members of the military serving overseas, in our hearts and prayers.

Aloha,

Linda Lingle

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